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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July, 2002, Applicants request that the above-captioned application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Please replace claims 14, 17 and 24 with the following and add new claims 28-30. A marked-up copy of the claims showing the changes made is appended hereto.

14. (Once Amended) A carbon prepared according to the following steps:

polymerizing a polymerizable component from a mixture containing said polymerizable component and a surfactant so as to form a polymer, said surfactant and said polymerizable component being present in said mixture in a molar ratio of at least 0.2 : 1 and said polymer having an average pore size greater than 4 nm, a density greater than 0.1 g/cc; and

carbonizing the polymer;

wherein said carbon has a volumetric capacitance in a non-aqueous electrolyte of at least 20 F/cc, a pore size greater than 2 nm, a density greater than 0.1 g/cc, and an electrical conductivity greater than 10 S cm^{-1} .

17. (Once Amended) The carbon according to claim 15 having a surface area of 891 to 2000 m²/g.

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